

# TALLYHO

*Serving the men and women of Fighter Country*

Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

## Med group changes commanders

**By Kristen M. Butler**

*56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

The 56th Medical Group switched hands Wednesday during a change-of-command ceremony at the base hospital.

Col. (Dr.) James Malenkos took the 56th MDG reins from Col. (Dr.) Michael Lischak. He comes to Luke from Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, where he was the 8th Medical Group commander.

At Luke, the Williamston, N.C. native is in charge of the base hospital and four squadrons made up of more than 500 military and civilian employees.

As commander, Malenkos provides medical support for 8,000 of Luke's military and civilian people along with 25,000 TRICARE Prime enrollees. He also ensures 56th MDG readiness and the implementation of the Department of Defense TRICARE Health Plan for the Phoenix area.

Although Malenkos has never worked for Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander, he is familiar with Malenkos' reputation.

"I hired Dr. Malenkos two years ago at 8th Fighter Wing to be my medical group commander, but we didn't actually serve together," Sargeant said. "He's here because he's combat oriented."

"He knows the level of care our people deserve and will take it to new heights, keeping our people on the tip of the spear based on his leadership and making sure our patient care never recedes from the level it's at today," Sargeant said.

Only at Luke for a few days, the 25-year Air Force veteran said he already likes what he sees.

"I'm coming from a base where we had



Senior Airman Shanna Jones

**Col. (Dr.) James Malenkos, 56th Medical Group commander, discusses issues with Staff Sgt. Douglas Hiller, pharmacy NCO in charge.**

buildings that were built during the Korean War. I come here, and everything looks brand new," Malenkos said. "The troops seem to be happy enjoying what they do and our customers seem happy. ... The people serving are being served. Everyone's needs seem to be fulfilled."

Malenkos said the biggest immediate challenge he faces is an inspection in October. During this time the 56th MDG gets evaluated by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Health Care Organizations

and the Air Force Health Service Inspection team. The evaluation is like a hospital operational readiness inspection.

"Our other challenge is balancing and meeting the needs of the giant operational mission here along with an equally large contingent of retirees and nonactive-duty beneficiaries," Malenkos said. "It is going to be a juggling act we will have to work through."

To meet those challenges, Malenkos shared his leadership philosophy.

"No. 1 is the mission, No. 2 is taking care of people and No. 3 is to have fun doing it," he said.

"In addition to that, never pass up the opportunity to keep your mouth shut," Malenkos added. "The corollary to that is I've never learned anything when I was talking. It's a good thing to just sit back and listen."

"Lastly, if you do everything like your mom was standing over your shoulder, then you'll take care of the integrity pillar – I call it the 'mama' rule," Malenkos said.

Malenkos received his bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University, N.C., and went on to medical school at Bowman Gray School of Medicine also at Wake Forest. Upon acceptance into medical school, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force Health Professions Scholarship Program.

Malenkos said he entered the Air Force because it was a perfect opportunity for him to pursue medical studies and contribute to the nation's defense.

"The Air Force has been a wonderful place to take the concept of family practice and to employ it across the spectrum, not only for flight medicine, but for the entire beneficiary population," he said.

In addition to being stationed at Luke and Kunsan, Malenkos has also served at various other bases including Dyess Air Force Base, Texas; Kadena Air Base, Japan; Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.; and Aviano Air Base, Italy.

He is married to the former retired Lt. Col. Sherry Hillesheim and they have five children.

Lischak moves on to an assignment at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

## Luke hosts blood drive

**By Kristen M. Butler**

*56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

With blood inventories 70 percent below desired levels, Luke hosts a blood drive today through July 23 in an effort to help replenish Arizona's blood supply.

Luke blood drive coordinators said their goal is to have Team Luke donate 515 pints during the drive.

To ease that process, donors can donate at various times and places throughout the base. They have also added locations at the 56th Support Center Building, 56th Component Repair and 62nd Fighter squadrons to accommodate more donors.

Many military members, civilian employees and their family members have a long history of donating. Flyers may also donate, but must follow strict procedures.

According to Air Force regulations, pilots may give blood, but they must be placed on DNIF, or duty not involving flying, status for a 72-hour period following donation, said Capt. John Linnett, 56th Aerospace Medicine Squadron flight surgeon.

"If a pilot wants to donate, they need to come in before donating, fill out AF Form 1042 and be placed on DNIF status. Then, they need to return 72 hours later to be taken off DNIF status," Linnett said. "A good idea is to donate blood on a Friday, so you'll have the time to recover before a Monday flight."

When a person gives blood, they become slightly anemic from the blood loss, but 72 hours is ample

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## 56th FW makes changes to incentive flight program

**By Senior Airman Jennifer Dixon**

*56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

Changes to the 56th Fighter Wing's orientation flight program mean a more equitable distribution of incentive rides for Luke's airmen and civilian employees.

With these changes, an airman in the 56th Communications Squadron has just as much chance for an incentive ride as an airman in one of the flying squadrons, said Lt. Col. Chas Buchanan, 56th Operations Support Squadron current operations flight commander.

"Col. (Steve) Sargeant, (56th Fighter Wing commander), directed a complete review and rewrite of the wing's orientation flight program," Buchanan said. "Our review and subsequent revisions provide better command and control of the program, responsible execution and most important, equity across the wing for those deserving an incentive ride."

Incentive rides fall under the wing's flight orientation program, Buchanan explained.

"Incentive flights are dedicated sorties (one scheduled flight) designed to reward individuals with an F-16 ride for superior performance," Buchanan said. "These flights provide a visible reward for outstanding service and motivate Luke's people to attain the highest degree of professional performance."

Familiarization flights also fall under the orientation ride program. According to regulations, familiarization flights acquaint individuals with AETC's aircraft and mission.



Senior Airman Shanna Jones

**Master Sgt. Tony Key, 56th Operations Support Squadron, teaches Tech. Sgt. James Davis, 61st Fighter Squadron, egress procedures.**

"These flights are for people who have the capability to use the experience in their work, with operational benefits to the unit, command or Air Force," Buchanan said.

Buchanan added the majority of past orientation

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Action Line



Col. Steve Sargeant  
56th FW commander

The 56th Fighter Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct line to me. I get personally involved in every reply. Your ideas and concerns help build a stronger foundation on which we can successfully complete our mission and take care of our people.

Before you call the Action Line though, give Luke's professionals a chance to answer your question in

concert with your unit chain of command. If the appropriate expert is unable to provide a satisfactory response, call me at 856-7011 or send an e-mail to [command.actionline@luke.af.mil](mailto:command.actionline@luke.af.mil). Please include your name and telephone number so I can provide a personal reply to your concern. Together we can make Luke a better place to live and work.

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Civil engineer customer service	856-7231

Kosher foods at the commissary

**Comment:** I'm highly disappointed by the lack of support given by the commissary in providing access to the necessary foods for Jewish holidays, notably Passover. I was told by the assistant commissary officer that it was out of his hands. I had always thought the commissary was here to serve all of its accredited patrons. Please do not let this happen again.

**Response:** Thank you for bringing this to my attention. The distributor who normally provides the commissary with kosher products during the Passover holiday chose not to deliver to the Defense Commissary Agency stores this year. Headquarters DeCA worked diligently to obtain a new distributor, but was unable to establish the contract until after the holiday. The new contract is now in place and we do not anticipate any future problems.



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Sortie Scoreboard

Fiscal year 2000 programmed flight training

	To date	Goal
Sorties flown	28,920	37,902
Flying hours	38,415	49,803
Pilot graduates	639	876
MRT graduates	595	972

Luke people deployed:  
AEF 5: 2 and AEF 7/8: 91  
Others: 1

DUI kills officer's mother

By Maj. Karen Bruce  
56th Contracting Squadron commander

My mother took her last breath June 1, 1998 at 2:45 a.m. as I held her hand. It was almost one year after her car was hit head on by a drunk and drugged driver June 8, 1997.

I took a heartbreaking call bearing chilling news too many families have sadly received. I was on temporary duty to the Pentagon from Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass. An urgent call came early Monday morning that my mother had been involved in a head-on collision.

I immediately called the hospital in Panama City, Fla. The charge nurse would not give me any specific details. She said my mother was seriously injured and asked me when I could get there. I hurried to the airport and flew to Atlanta. The nightmare was just beginning.

When I walked into the intensive care unit, I could hardly recognize her. My mother was hooked to a battery of machines, and had tubes everywhere. Her head was severely swollen and she could only see out of one eye. Although she recognized me, she could only moan. The tube down her throat hooked her to a lifesaving respirator and the monitor beeps pulsed in the background.

Although her wounds were grievous, I tried to maintain composure to assure her she would be OK. She was a wonderful mother and my brother and I loved her dearly. However, I was apprehensive whether she would survive. Her nose was nearly ripped off, her neck, grossly swollen, was purple and black. She had multiple fractures of her foot and arm and had almost lost her right foot.

Her internal injuries were also severe and life threatening. She lost her spleen, suffered a collapsed lung and she was bleeding internally. You could see the black and blue welt marks from her seat belt across her neck, shoulder, chest and stomach.

The doctors pulled me aside to give me an update, emphasizing it would be touch and go and that they had almost lost her during surgery before I arrived. They remained optimistic, but cautious.

As terrible and gut wrenching as her injuries were, she suffered further devastation four days later when she had a stroke, resulting in an irreversible brain injury. This effected her ability to breath, move and talk. We were devastated. The doctors offered no hope for her further survival and she lapsed into a deep coma.

Ever hopeful

Nevertheless, we didn't give up hope. Doctors placed a shunt into her brain to drain fluid and relieve pressure. Then we waited.

I slept on the floor of the ICU waiting room for three weeks, not wanting to leave my mother. My brother arrived shortly after I did, and we were always there to deal with the cadre of doctors and specialists during her early months in intensive care. There were many surgeries throughout her hospitalization to stop internal bleeding or to repair damage to her organs.

My mother remained in a deep coma for weeks and in and out of the coma for months. She remained in ICU for more than three months. When she was moved to a step-down ICU, we were allowed to sleep in her room. The loud emergency alarm that monitored her breathing must have alerted us hundreds of times, waking us from our short stretches of slumber. I learned to wake at the drop of any small sound and learned to help care for her.

To try to protect her vocal cords, the doctors eventually performed a tracheotomy. The hope was she would eventually make more progress, come out of the coma and talk. Sadly, we never heard her beautiful voice again.

Our lives revolved around doctors, surgeries and poignant moments. I pinned on major beside her bed during one stage of a deep coma. Slowly, she came more out of the coma, able to move her eyes and blink slowly.

During this time she underwent several other operations, risking death each time. After two months

in ICU she contracted a deadly bacterial infection. Her life was always in jeopardy and we would get hopeful over small signs, only to be crushed by further complications.

Further devastation

Although the outlook did not look good, my mother was eventually transferred to a hospital in Tallahassee, Fla., in the fourth month to be evaluated for her brain injury and the prognosis for rehabilitation or survival. Devastatingly, the specialists said she would never get better or be able to move or talk, although her mind in the front part of her brain was still alive and active.

She felt excruciating pain, and the look in her eyes of terrible fear, sadness and suffering is burned into my memory forever. I cannot imagine the horror of being trapped, unable to move, unable to talk or scream when strangers are performing painful procedures.

I would watch her daily, just stare and blink, or plead with her eyes to stop hurting her. Sometimes, a small tear would roll down her cheek. I had to help keep her mouth clear, and I could see the terrible pain it caused when anyone worked in the area where she had been hurt. I accidentally made her tender lips bleed one day when I was trying to clear her mouth so she would not choke. She could only move her head slightly to the side, trying to get away, but I had to do it. It killed me. It was a living hell to see someone you love suffer so much.

When the doctors told us she would never get better and she would die, I knew I could not move her back to Boston. I applied for and received a humanitarian

transfer to Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. She was transferred by ambulance back to Panama City to a skilled nursing center. Six months later, she contracted more deadly infections and recurring abdominal problems. About 10 days before she died, she communicated with me by opening her eyes

very wide to let me know she was in terrible pain. The doctors transferred her to a hospital where she died.

The impaired driver

The driver who hit her was a 23-year-old laborer with no insurance. He got into his car that sunny Sunday afternoon and hit my mother after running three other cars off the road. She was only one mile from the turn off to her home. Witnesses stated he was clearly impaired. Tests performed by the Florida Highway Patrol showed he had smoked marijuana laced with cocaine. He later confessed. He received only a broken leg and was out of the hospital in a few days.

I'll never understand why his life was spared and not my mother's. He never said he was sorry nor admitted what he did was wrong. He admitted smoking marijuana, but said he did it two days before the accident. For all the pain and heartache he put my mother through, the excuse he used was his dog jumped under his legs while he was driving, making him run all those people off the road. It is also evident what he lacked in both judgment and good citizenship, he also lacked in character.

I could go on to tell you about all the other horrors associated with a crime like this — such as more than \$600,000 in bills, only a portion of which was covered by my mother's insurance; the destruction of a family; the impact to many lives; the mental scars that can never heal; the trial; the battles with insurance companies; and the stress. They all pale in comparison with the agony and suffering my sweet mother endured for one year.

We will remember her and how she died, brain injured and quadriplegic. We will remember our terrible loss — every time we visit a friend in the hospital, another Mother's Day passes or we hear about a drunk driving accident — forever.

Indelible images are permanently burned into our memory. To my fellow Air Force members, I ask you not to drink and drive impaired and to help prevent your friends and family from doing so as well. I also pray this never happens to one of your loved ones. Remember, drunk and drugged driving kills — horribly.

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Staff Sgt. Christopher Matthews

Senior Airman Sean Postel, 21st Fighter Squadron, secures a bomb to an F-16 as part of the recent load crew competition.

# Load crews battle for top spot

By 2nd Lt. Jeffrey Carney  
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The quarterly weapons load crew competition between Luke's eight fighter squadrons ended July 7 after a two-day battle to select the best load crew of the quarter.

Col. Bob Steel, 56th Operations Group commander, announces the winner July 27 at the 56th OG conference room.

Every quarter each squadron selects a three person crew to compete in the load crew of the quarter competition. Each team is selected by criteria individualized by squadron. The winner gains the right to compete in the yearly contest against other quarterly winners and a wild card crew. Each crew member also gets a plaque while the team receives a trophy that rotates from winner to winner.

"This competition is one of the biggest due to its size. We have eight squadrons where most wings only have two or three," said Tech. Sgt. Chad Ward, 56th OG loading standardization crew team member. "When you win this, you gain bragging rights."

The competition has two parts. The first part is a written test. The second is a performance test, and it counts for the bulk of the points possible. The competition provides each crew with 30 minutes to complete the task of loading four MK-82 bombs onto a slant load. Each crew has three members.

Each person on the crew has a specific job. One person is usually a staff sergeant, who runs the operation. The next person preps the launchers or bomb racks while the other person inspects the munitions, said Master Sgt. Billy Simmons, 56th OG loading standardization crew team chief.

"The objective of the competition is to complete the task safely and quicker than the other load crews," Ward said. These competitions provide an opportunity for the load crews to show others what they do.

"Usually, the squadron commanders and flight chiefs show up to offer their support," Simmons said.

To increase outside interest and tempo, load sizes remained the same as past competitions, but the time for completion was reduced.

"In the past, the time allotment was 40 minutes," Simmons said. "Now we have reduced the time to 30 minutes. These changes were made to keep a crew from being able to take their time."

"The reduced time also simulates combat conditions," Ward added. "In

combat, the stress is there, but you must maintain accuracy and safety."

The events also allow the load crews to compete, observe and associate with one another.

While the crews perform, it's not uncommon for other crews to watch. They not only watch to size up the competition, they watch to pick up tips ranging from faster loading techniques to safety maintenance procedures, Ward said.

The crews are all very competitive having been selected from such a large pool. There are 24 participants out of about 210 eligible people.

"During one competition, out of 1,150 points possible, it came down to one point separating first place from second place," Simmons said. "We train the finest F-16 weapons troops in the world and this is a chance to show them off."

To find out who won, people will have to wait until the July 27 announcement. Winners will appear in the Aug. 4 edition of the Tallyho.

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**Tech. Sgt. Chad Ward**  
56th Operations Group  
loading standardization crew team member

## Instructor Pilot of the Week

**Name:** Lt. Col. Randy "Cow" Lane, 62nd Fighter Squadron operations officer and instructor pilot

**Hometown:** Martinez, Calif.

**Years in service:** 18

**Family:** Wife, Katy; Daughter, Mindy, 8; and son, Evan, 6

**Education:** Graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo., in 1982 and received a masters' degree from Golden Gate University, Calif.

**Previous assignments:** Taegu Air Base, Republic of Korea; George Air Force Base, Calif.; Misawa Air Base, Japan; Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas; and Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

**Goals:** Command a fighter squadron and make the Air Force a little better each day

**Greatest feat:** Operations officer of two F-16 squadrons at both Luke and Nellis.

**Commander's comments:** "This former Thunderbirds operations officer is one of the wing's premier instructor pilots," said Col. Bob Steel, 56th Operations Group commander. "Randy's an outstanding officer and role model who leads from the front of the pack."



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## News Briefs

### Top 3 call

Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander, will hold a mandatory Top 3 call today at 3:30 p.m. at the base theater. Carpooling and walking are recommended due to limited parking.

### Dental care deduction

When the new Dependent Dental Deduction mass rate change was processed July 1, it did not eliminate the old deduction rate. Military members' pay today will be short by half the old rate. The maximum difference is \$10.66. The overcollection will be in the Aug. 1 leave and earnings statements.

### Commissary closure

The Luke commissary closes July 24 and 25 due to remodeling. The store reopens July 26 at 9 a.m.

### Top 3 senior NCO induction

The Luke Top 3 hosts the first senior NCO induction ceremony July 28 at 6 p.m. at the enlisted club. The cost is \$13.50 and the uniform is mess dress or semiformal. For more information or reservations, call Master Sgt. David Leon at 856-9255 or Senior Master Sgt. James Crissinger at 856-4172.

### Use or lose leave

Accrued leave in excess of 60 days is forfeited at the end of each fiscal year unless special leave accrual under Air Force Instruction 36-3003 applies. Therefore, commanders and supervisors should encourage all members to use excess leave before Sept. 30. For more information, call Damita Klaiber at the 56th Mission Support Squadron customer service flight at 856-7834.

### Hispanic program manager needed

Civilian employees or military people must apply for the Hispanic employment program manager position by July 28. This work is a 20-percent collateral duty. The manager's role is to pursue efforts to facilitate the recruitment and advancement of Hispanic workers in federal service. For more information, call Joanne Elrod at 856-7761.

### CCAF graduation applications

Students wanting to apply for Community College of the Air Force graduation should schedule a review with an education counselor to ensure all requirements have been met. Official transcripts from all schools attended are required and must be received by Aug. 14. For more information, call Catherine Humphrey or Jackie Smith at 856-7722.

### Enlisted heritage chief needed

The Enlisted Heritage Research Institute, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., needs volunteers for the commandant's director position to report by Oct. 31. For more information, call DSN 596-1470.

### Air War College

Air War College begins its on-base seminar for lieutenant colonel selects and GS-13s in August. The seminar mirrors the in-residence course. The class meets one night a week for two hours until July 2001. The class is divided into three terms which include five tests, a quiz and a 15- to 20-page paper. Applications are online at [www.maxwell.af.mil/au/awc/enrol\\_ppr.htm](http://www.maxwell.af.mil/au/awc/enrol_ppr.htm). Bring a copy of applications to Jackie Smith at the education office as soon as possible. For more information, call 856-7723.

## Justice Report

The following judicial actions occurred at Luke between July 3 and 7:

- ♦A staff sergeant received an Article 15 for dereliction of duty and failure to obey an order. He also received a suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$778 pay for two months, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.

- ♦A senior airman received an Article 15 for failure to pay a debt. He also received a suspended reduction to airman first class, 14 days extra duty and 30 days restriction.



# AF picks Luke NCO for officer program

By 2nd Lt. Jeffrey Carney  
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A Team Luke NCO was one of 27 enlisted people selected Air Force-wide for the Airman Education Commissioning Program during fiscal year 2000.

Staff Sgt. Thomas Fulton, 56th Supply Squadron fuels resource controller, was selected to AECP after five years preparation.

"I feel very fortunate to have been selected," Fulton said. "One year before I submitted my application for college, I discovered how tough the requirements are for AECP; however, if you want something, take a chance. If you fail, work on your weak areas and try again."

Fulton is pursuing a computer systems engineering degree, and has about two years left. Fulton will attend Arizona State University to remain close to his wife, who is pregnant with their first child.

"My wife's real supportive. She has been very understanding all along the way," Fulton said. "The new challenge will be having a baby in the house this fall."

Becoming an officer hasn't always been one of Fulton's goals. He joined the Air Force out of high school without any definite plans.

"I came from a military family and chose the Air Force for myself because I thought it would be a good way to see the world and become independent," Fulton said. "When I met my wife, her father was a retired colonel. I had been in the service for a while, and I began mentally exploring what I wanted for my potential family and future. I decided that I wanted a greater challenge in my

career and a bright future for my family."

After 12 successful years as an enlisted person, Fulton has discovered some important principles regarding a military career.

"Be proactive about your career, and utilize your educational opportunities because they're designed to benefit Air Force people and the Air Force as a whole," Fulton said. "One of the hardest elements for completing my courses was managing my time. You have to be diligent and disciplined."

Fulton said that with his enlisted experience he hopes to bridge the gap between enlisted people and officers. He also said the Air Force has given him valuable experience and he wants to give back by leading tomorrow's airmen into the future.

Becoming an AECP recipient is something to be extremely proud of because it is one of the most difficult military programs to qualify for and receive, said Jackie Smith, 56th Mission Support Squadron education services flight counselor.

"I call it the walking-on-water program," said Smith. "I think it is a wonderful program, but we don't have enough applicants because the requirements are so strict."

An applicant must be willing to obtain a degree in engineering, foreign area studies or nursing. Each program has a minimum number of credit hours and specific courses. Each applicant must take the ACT or SAT test and, if pursuing the engineering program, must take the calculus College Level Examination Program (CLEP) test. Upon graduation from college, recipients attend officer training school at Max-



Master Sgt. Brandt Smith  
Staff Sgt. Thomas Fulton, 56th Supply Squadron, prepares to pump jet fuel into an F-16.

well Air Force Base, Ala.

While participating in the program, the recipients' duty station is the college. They receive E-5 pay as a minimum, depending upon their rank, and all military benefits. The program reimburses up to \$15,000 per year toward tuition, and a separate incentive covers the cost of books and fees.

The qualifying scores are well above the norm for other commissioning programs. However, there are normally 120 applicants per year, but last year the Air Force only had about 40 with 27 being selected Smith said. Normally, only about one in four are selected.

The application deadline is March 1, and the selection board meets in April.

"We want everything done by December because it's too difficult to accomplish requirements at the last minute if the

board finds anything missing," Smith said. "Having missing items can potentially set an applicant back an entire year."

While AECP does require a lot from the recipients, the rewards are substantial and potential participants shouldn't be afraid to apply, Smith said.

There are many factors to determine an airman's educational success. Lack of information does not have to be one of them.

"It's our job to inform and assist a candidate, but ultimately it's the applicant's attitude and their supervisor's willingness to back them that determines their educational success," Smith said. "We need our young airmen's potentials recognized and encouraged to strengthen Team Luke."

"I'd like to send a huge congratulations to Tom Fulton," Smith said. "He worked hard and deserves this. I wish him all the success in the world."

# 607th ACS Snakes: Unit changes mission

By Tech. Sgt. Julie Briggs  
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 607th Air Control Squadron officially converted to a field training unit July 6 at a ribbon-cutting ceremony marking a new beginning for a combat unit long familiar with deployments and training.

The 607th ACS now ensures Air Force air control squadron people receive appropriate training needed to operate ground-based command and control radar systems, said Lt. Col. Steve Doss, 607th ACS commander.

"The Snakes' change in mission is a result of lessons learned during Operation Allied Force in Kosovo," Doss said. "During Allied Force, Air Force leaders determined the best way to ensure air control squadron people receive the training they need to operate in a deployed location was to set up a school house to train new airmen right out of technical school."

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Lt. Col. Steve Doss  
607th ACS commander

The squadron offers courses for surveillance technicians and weapons directors. Surveillance technicians come to Luke after technical school at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., while weapons directors come here following controlling school at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

The surveillance technicians course is 72 training days while the weapons directors course is 83 training days.

The course work gets airmen up to basic mission-ready status, Doss said. Once they arrive at their permanent duty station, they will only need 30 days additional training to attain combat mission-ready status. Once combat ready, they are prepared to deploy.

Air control squadrons are rapid reaction ground-based radar units, Doss said. They basically provide surveillance, identification, weapons control and battle management for the theater air component commander.

"Surveillance technicians essentially perform early warning and identification," Doss said. "They have the big picture; they pick (flying) tracks and identify other aircraft as friend or foe. Weapons directors actually direct aircrews to the fight."

The squadron is already training new students. Fourteen airmen began the surveillance course Monday.

## Wing Warrior

This column recognizes Team Luke members' contributions to wartime readiness in the tradition of 2nd Lt. Frank Luke.

**Name:** Staff Sgt. Cecilia Fawcett, 56th Dental Squadron oral surgery assistant and NCO in charge of flight dentistry  
**Hometown:** Albuquerque, N.M.  
**Years service:** 12  
**Family:** Husband, Bruno, and sons Zachary, 9, and Anthony, 7  
**Education:** One class away from completing my Community College of the Air Force degree  
**Inspirations:** My husband, the wind beneath my wings  
**Greatest feat:** Raising my boys and keeping them on the right track  
**Self-description:** Self-motivated and always willing to learn  
**Famous last words:** Those who dare, win.  
**Bad habits:** Biting off more than I can chew  
**Off duty:** Sports — watching it, playing it and watching my boys play it!  
**Commander's comments:** "Sergeant Fawcett is a go-to NCO who excels in any and all areas needed in the dental clinic even on short notice," said Col. James Malenkos, 56th Medical Group commander. "She is definitely the type of person you want on your team."



Fawcett

## Luke's Spirit

Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander, uses this column to recognize Team Luke members' outstanding customer service.

**Name:** Tech. Sgt. Ruben Gonzalez, 56th Fighter Wing First Term Airman Center NCO in charge  
**Hometown:** Eagle Pass, Texas  
**Years service:** 15  
**Family:** Married for eight wonderful years to Adalia with two sons Ruben, 6, and Antonio, 4 weeks  
**Inspirations:** Outstanding daily support from my leaders, friends and family  
**Goals:** A successful military career and making a difference both in the military and local communities  
**Greatest feat:** Selected as the command's representative for all intelligence releases to aircraft contractors, a position normally filled by a major  
**Famous last words:** "One only succeeds in life if you face your problems, not if you avoid them," spoken by my grandfather, Gonzalo Gonzalez.  
**Off duty:** Playing cars with my son, off-duty education, working on my vehicles and any outdoor activity  
**Commander's comments:** "He has done tremendous things with AETC's best FTAC," Sargeant said. "He's eliminated the redundancy between our newcomers brief and the FTAC initial brief, streamlining the process and giving our young airmen the all-important great first impression of the 56th Fighter Wing."



Gonzalez

# 56th Component Repair Squadron

Maj. Richard Nelson took command of 56th CRS July 6.

**Hometown:** Albert Lea, Minn.  
**Years in service:** 12 years, 7 months  
**Education:** Bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from the University of Minnesota; Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.; master’s degree in aeronautical sciences from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; and Air Command and Staff College by seminar  
**Previous assignments:** Chanute Air Force Base, Ill.; Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.; Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska; Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.; and McClellan Air Force Base, Calif.  
**Leadership philosophy:** Have strong ethical and moral values and be willing to make the difficult decisions. Set the policy and expectations for the unit and then let



Nelson

the people accomplish the mission.  
**Goals:** To leave the squadron a better place than when I arrived and to do what is needed to meet the mission requirements while taking care of the people at the same time.  
**Greatest feat:** Being part of the maintenance effort during Operation Desert Storm. Our unit never lost a sortie during the war due to a maintenance nondelivery of an aircraft.  
**Self description:** I am a people person, I like being out among the people watching as they make the mission happen every day. I work very hard to do the job right the first time but I like to have fun at the same time.  
**Famous last words:** “Are we having fun yet?”  
**Off duty:** Spending quality time with my family, traveling and golfing  
**Bad habits:** Being a workaholic and spending too much time in the office or at meetings instead of out with the people.



# Blood drive—

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time to recover, Linnett explained. “U.S. Air Force pilots are one of the healthiest populations around. Therefore, they can provide an excellent blood source,” Linnett said. “This is an excellent way to give something back to your community, and who knows, you might end up saving a life.” All Thunderbolts must go through a screening process before they are allowed to donate. People ages 17 to 79 of relatively good health and weighing at least

110 pounds are eligible to donate. Donors must also have proper identification. “During summer months, the demand for blood increases due to increased travel and resulting traffic accidents,” said 1st Lt. Charity Kauffman, Luke blood drive coordinator. “It’s important to donate because every day people need blood. If you don’t, it may not be there for an emergency.” Kauffman added all blood donated here comes back to the base hospital for Team Luke troops and their family members. For more details, call Kauffman at 856-6616 or 1st Lt. Amy Pekala at 856-6932.

# Board reveals crash results

## Mishap investigators cite inlet guide vane as cause for February F-16 crash

By Lt. Col. Douglas Lefforge  
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Feb. 16 crash of a Luke F-16 Fighting Falcon on the Barry M. Goldwater Range was caused by the failure of a part that directs airflow into the engine, crash investigators announced June 28. The part, a rear compressor inlet guide vane, was cracked previously and resulted in a stall that led to the crash, accident investigation board officials stated in the report. The pilot of the mishap aircraft, Maj. Anthony Barrell of the 63rd Fighter Squadron, was flying No. 4 in a fourship air combat training sortie when the mishap occurred. He ejected safely at about 2,500 feet above the ground, sustaining only minor cuts and abrasions after unsuccessful attempts to restart the engine. The aircraft was destroyed when it impacted the side of a mountain on the tactical range in southern Arizona. Investigators concluded one of the engine’s rear compressor inlet guide vanes had been cracked since at least November 1997 and the crack was not detected during an inspection at the San Antonio Air Logistics Cen-

ter, Texas. The vane, which is situated in the core of the engine, is not accessible to engine maintenance crews in the field and could not have been observed during routine maintenance procedures by 56th Component Repair Squadron jet propulsion flight members. Performance of the F-16 Pratt & Whitney engine is processed in part by a digital electronic engine control that manages engine parameters, fuel flow and engine nozzle settings. Confronted with a compressor stall situation when the vane broke free, the pilot of the mishap aircraft reacted to compensate for the emergency situation. The pilot reacted to the conditions surrounding the incident and manually switched the engine’s DEEC from primary to secondary or SEC mode. Placing the engine to SEC mode is an appropriate checklist procedure for an engine with abnormal engine response. However, when the pilot selected SEC mode in this situation, the computerized control was removed from the engine’s operating loop, and the ability to detect and compensate for the stall condition was lost. The accident board concluded that at the time the vane fractured, the DEEC was operating properly. It could not be determined, however, if adequate thrust was available in the primary mode of the engine control to allow the pilot to recover the aircraft and land.

Blood Drive Schedule				
Site	Date	Time	Room	Point of contact
309th Fighter Squadron (Bldg. 810)	Today	12:30 to 5:30 p.m.	Break Room	Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Vedders 856-5923
56th Component Repair Squadron (Bldg. 917)	Today	Noon to 5:30 p.m.	Orderly Room	Senior Airman Melissa Odam, 856-6738
63rd Fighter Squadron (Bldg. 928)	Monday	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	United Blood Services Van	Senior Master Sgt. Candy Williams 856-6063
56th Support Center (Bldg. 1150)	Monday	10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Atrium	Amn. Kathryn Jolly, 856-7854 or Liz Garey, 856-7778
62nd Fighter Squadron (Bldg. 461)	Tuesday	10 a.m. to noon	United Blood Services Van	Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Heider, 856-4445
56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron	Tuesday	2 to 4:30 p.m.	United Blood Services Van	Staff Sgt. Russell Anderson, 856-6485
Flightline (Bldg. 913)	Wednesday	1 to 8 p.m.	United Blood Services Van	Staff Sgt. David Schoen,856-6618 or Tech. Sgt. Melvin Irizarry, 856-7793
Luke Community Chapel (Bldg. 799)	Wednesday, Thursday July 21	9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Activity Room	1st Lt. Charity Kauffman,856-6616
Hospital (Bldg. 944)	July 21	8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Classroom	Staff Sgt. Toya Loring, 856-3123
607th Air Control Squadron (Bldg. 1383)	July 21	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	United Services Blood Van	Airman 1st Class Joshua Snoderly, 856-7339
Commissary, AAFES Main Exchange	July 22	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	United Services Blood Van	1st Lt. Charity Kauffman, 856-6616
Luke Community Chapel (Bldg. 799)	July 23	8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Activity Room	856-6211



# AF finds AFIT commitment errors

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN)** — After discovering a large number of errors, the Air Force is reviewing the active-duty service commitments of officers who are attending or have attended the Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, since 1991.

The review covers everyone who has been enrolled in a degree program through AFIT, whether the course work is done there or through civilian colleges and universities.

To date, a variety of errors have been found in the records of 1,200 officers. The errors range from ADSCs that are too long or too short to ADSCs that haven't been recorded in any official record, resulting in students who have no ADSC related to the education they received or are receiving.

As mistakes are found, the records will be corrected, but only after the officer is notified and has a chance to appeal the action to the Air Force Personnel Center .

Because no two cases are exactly alike, each will be handled individually by the center and will be reviewed personally by Maj. Gen. Richard Brown, AFPC commander of the personnel center.

“We, the Air Force, made these mistakes and it's up to us to get this fixed,” Brown said. “I'm committed to do that and will be personally engaged. We owe it to our officers.”

“The first step in this process is to send personal letters to each of the more than 1,200 officers with missing, inaccurate or otherwise flawed active duty service commitments to explain how AFPC will rectify the situation,” Brown said.

Earlier this year, Secretary of the Air Force Whit Peters gave Brown the authority to grant relief from ADSCs in cases in which the Air Force made a mistake and enforcing the correct commitment would create an injustice.

“I'm confident General Brown has the tools at his disposal to ensure our people are treated fairly,” Peters said. “It's unfortunate that we made so many mistakes in active-duty service commitments under the old regulation and enforcement system. Now, after a lot of hard work, I believe we're on the road to getting this problem fixed once and for all. Our service members deserve to know where they stand and should be able to have confidence that our system will treat them fairly.”

As part of AFPC's notification process, Air Force members who have been identified as having incorrect or inappropriate ADSCs will be informed of their appeal rights, to include their right to file applications with the Air Force Board for the Correction of Military Records.

However, officials at AFPC are confident the vast majority of incorrect ADSCs can be resolved quickly.

# AFPC makes EQUAL easier

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — Members can now volunteer for Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing Plus advertisements right at their personal computers by logging onto the Assignment Management System.

Effective immediately, members are no longer required to trek down to the commander's support staff office or military personnel flight to update their records, according to Air Force Personnel Center official. Once an account is established on AMS, the member will have unrestricted access to the system around the clock.

EQUAL Plus advertises short-notice and special-duty assignments for airman through senior master sergeant and all chief master sergeant assignments. Members should not give up checking EQUAL Plus if they do not see their AFSC right away. Keep checking because the system is updated weekly.

The assignments advertised are for both state-side and overseas locations. They include a variety of career broadening jobs such as working at a headquarters or field operating agency that requires special skills, Joint Departmental positions and numerous other unique opportunities



# Sec Def approves NATO Medal for Kosovo

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN)** — The Secretary of Defense recently approved the wear of the NATO Medal by U.S. service members and civilians for operations related to Kosovo.

Eligibility criteria for the medal are:

- ♦ Participation in NATO operations related to Kosovo (Oct. 13, 1998 to a date to be determined) for 30 days (continuous or accumulated) in the area of eligibility. The AOE is the land, at seas, or in the air space of Kosovo; other territories of the Former

Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia, Montenegro, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Slovenia); Albania, Macedonia and the Adriatic and Ionian seas.

- ♦ Aircrews participating in Operation Allied Force between March 24, 1999 to June 10, 1999 with 15 sorties into Kosovo and FRY.
- ♦ Aircrews who didn't participate in OAF, accumulate one day of qualifying service for the first sortie flown on any day.
- ♦ Wounded or injured and requiring subsequent evacuation from the defined

AOE, regardless of time in the area.

- ♦ 90 days, continuous or accumulated, within the territories of Italy, Greece and Hungary in direct support of NATO operations conducted in the AOE.

Air Force Personnel Center officials said only one NATO Medal is authorized for wear.

“Therefore, service members will wear the NATO Medal they were awarded first and should they become eligible for the other NATO Medal, it would be indicated by a bronze service

star on the first NATO Medal. U.S. service members are not authorized the wear of numeric symbols on either NATO Medal.”

Members and/or units who believe they are authorized the award should provide documentation, such as copies of official orders and travel vouchers, decorations, efficiency reports, flight logs, etc., that assign them to one of the approved operations to their military personnel flight career enhancement element to verify their entitlement.

# Leaders reduce anthrax program

**WASHINGTON (AFP)** — The Department of Defense announced July 11 that it is temporarily slowing its Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program effort because of a dwindling supply of the vaccine.

Most of the remaining vaccine will be used to help protect those most at risk serving in the high-threat areas of Southwest Asia and Korea.

DOD will continue new starts for the highest risk personnel serving in the high threat areas; other new starts will be deferred. Members who have begun the shot series, but have since departed the high-threat areas also will be deferred. A full resumption of the vaccination effort will occur when a sufficient supply of FDA-approved and certified safe and effective vaccine is available.

“We will expand our vaccination effort as soon as logistically feasible, with FDA-certified vaccine. In making the decision to protect our service members against anthrax, we put safety first,” said Secretary of Defense William Cohen.

“We determined that vaccination is the safest, most reliable way to protect our service members from a potential threat that is 99 percent lethal to unprotected, untreated individuals. Anthrax remains the top biological warfare threat to U.S. troops, and the vaccine is our safest, most effective weapon to protect our people against that threat,” he said.

When the FDA-released vaccine is available, the full scope of the program will be resumed. Precise plans for resuming vaccinations will be based on the recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and consultation with the Food and Drug Administration.

“Additionally, we need to assure a sufficient, long-term supply of vaccine,” Cohen said. “Protecting our service members is far too important for us to rely on a single source. We are immediately and aggressively seeking a second U.S. source of anthrax vaccine.

“By having a second source, we can have greater confidence and comfort that a sufficient supply of safe and effective vaccine will be available to protect our service members against anthrax,” Cohen said. A request for a second supplier was published in the July 3 Commerce Business Daily.

More than 455,000 service members have started their vaccinations and more than 1.8 million vaccinations have been given. To be fully protected, service members are vaccinated using the FDA-approved protocol of six immunizations over an 18-month period, plus annual boosters.

## Clowning around ...



Senior Airman Elizabeth Krichbaum  
*Sweetie the clown, with the help of Raven Cavdill and Ben Price, does a magic trick to entertain children at the first meeting of the base library's summer reading program. The program is for Luke youths, preschoolers to 12 years old, and offered each Thursday through Aug. 3.*

# Legion honors enlisted member

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFP)** — The National Headquarters of the American Legion will honor one enlisted member from each branch of service for outstanding volunteer service.

The American Legion Spirit of Service Award was recently established to recognize enlisted members who support their local community during off-duty time, said Air Force Personnel Center officials.

Eligibility criteria for the annual award are:

- ♦ Military members E-1 through E-5

- ♦ A nomination package that cites examples of volunteer community service performed in the local community and its impact on the community; and contributions and examples showing the individual as an outstanding military performer

Each major command, field operation agency or direct reporting unit may submit one nomination on AF Form 1206, limited to one page. Nomination packages are due to AFPC Special Awards Section by Monday.

The winner will be recognized Sept. 5 to 7 at the American Legion annual national convention in Milwaukee, Wis.



# Flights

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flights were being flown as familiarization flights, on a noninterference basis, with relatively few incentive flights being flown.

“We wanted to reduce the number of familiarization flights to allow instructors the ability to concentrate on their students’ training without any distractions.” Buchanan said.

Keeping in mind that the wing’s primary mission is to train F-16 pilots and crew chiefs, Luke senior leadership needed to find a way to stay focused on the mission, but also focus on reward-

ing their people with incentive flights.

“The problem we found was that while some deserving folks were being flown, others were having to wait an extraordinary amount of time to receive their flight” Buchanan said. “We have redesigned the program to help the wing fly individuals in a timely manner.”

One note of distinction is the F-16 Dedicated Crew Chief program. This effort is separate from the squadron’s incentive ride allocation, Buchanan said. Once a crew chief earns the dedicated crew chief title, he or she becomes entitled to a flight.

To earn the title, crew chiefs must possess a five-skill level, have a minimum six months experience on the F-16 and complete the advanced dedicated

crew chief course. They must also be staff sergeants or above. This criterion may be waived, however, for senior airman.

The flights for dedicated crew chiefs fall under the category of an incentive flight, but doesn’t take away from the total number allocated to each squadron, Buchanan said.

“Overall, our goal is to accomplish the training mission while dedicating sorties to handle the number of outstanding Luke employees,” Buchanan said. “We have looked at each unit’s authorized number of personnel and, based on a realistic sortie goal, have allocated each group and squadron a specific number of incentive flights in a given year.”

Once a commander submits an in-

dividual for a flight, the 56th OSS assigns the individual to a flying squadron to accomplish the flight.

Prerequisites for the flight are detailed life support training and a medical clearance from the flight surgeon. A sortie is then dedicated to that individual and, following a detailed mission briefing, can either be flown to Luke-specific airspace or given an aerial tour of the Grand Canyon.

“We hope the flight gives the individual an appreciation for life in the flying squadron as well as experiencing the F-16,” Buchanan said. “The orientation ride program is very important to the wing and we, as pilots, want to demonstrate the beauty and joy of flying.”



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Michael Burns

Airman 1st Class Melissa Decker, 56th Services Squadron cook apprentice, rolls dough Monday for lunchtime dinner rolls at the Ray V. Hensman Dining Facility.

# Food for thought

## Hensman staff does more than prepare meals

By Tech. Sgt. Julie Briggs  
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Planning is a key ingredient when cooking for two, but imagine cooking for more than 1,350 people every weekday. It takes more than opening cans.

Take beef stew for instance. To feed about 300 people, one needs about 30 to 40 pounds diced beef; 10 pounds each of celery, carrots, bell peppers and onions; 20 pounds potatoes; two No. 10 cans of whole tomatoes; three pounds flour; 2 cups beef base; 3 to 4 gallons water and 3 to 4 tablespoons pepper.

"It takes planning and detailed menus to serve healthy meals," said Master Sgt. Simeon Maxwell, 56th Services Squadron food service officer. "In fact, all our menus and recipes are approved by Headquarters Air Force to ensure meals are nutritionally balanced."

The Ray V. Hensman Dining

Facility staff, however, does have some say in selecting which entrée's they serve on what days.

The staff tries to keep customer's tastes in mind, said Tech. Sgt. Andrew Duran, 56th SVS food service trainer. That's why they have a quarterly menu planning board with representatives from each squadron.

The board takes customer suggestions and weighs them against approved menus to find a balance, Maxwell explained.

"Trying to accommodate everyone's tastes is a challenge," Duran said.

To meet this challenge, the staff has a few ideas.

"The Hensman staff plans to offer Mongolian barbecue during the dinner meal once a month," Maxwell said. "We're also going to offer 'grab-and-go' meals for breakfast and a sandwich bar for lunch."

All this is in addition to ethnic meals the Hensman staff serves once a week at lunch. Meals feature cuisine from seven regions: Asia, Germany, American South, Italian, French, Mexico and Cajun.

The Hensman also offers a lunchtime pasta bar three times a

week and potato bar twice a week.

At the Falcon Flight Kitchen, the staff plans to offer a main entrée, a starch and a vegetable in addition to the fast foods they offer, Duran said. They are just waiting on necessary equipment.

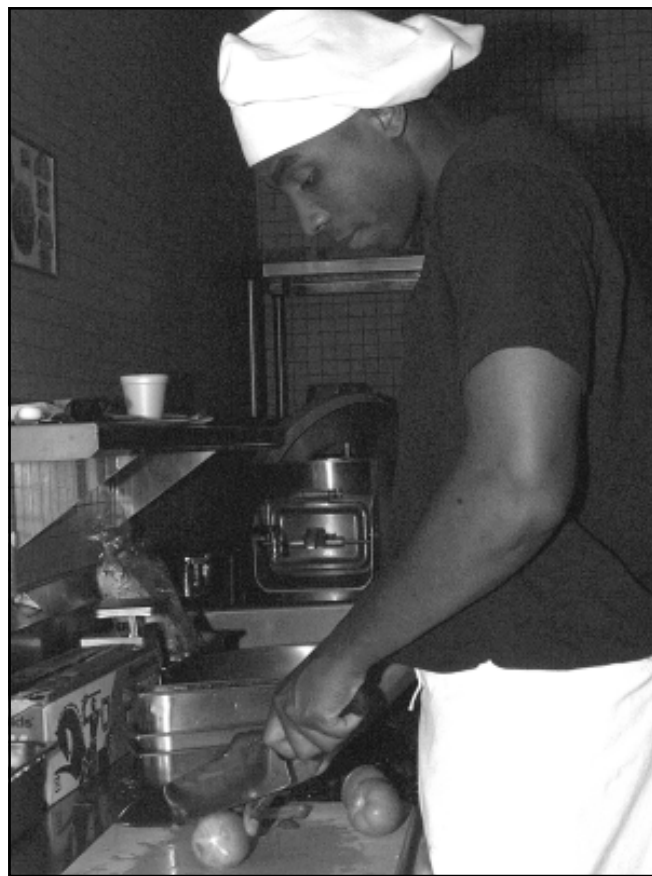
Another initiative is the monthly birthday meal at the Hensman for airmen living in the dorms. First sergeant or commanders serve meal card holders steak and lobster or shrimp.

"You sit down and they take your order just like at a restaurant," Duran said. "They serve your salad, food and drinks."

Families of deployed members can buy dinner at the Hensman Thursdays from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

"All they need is a copy of the military member's orders," Maxwell said. "The average meal cost is from \$2.50 to \$3.50."

"The old days of greasy, messy food is gone," he said. "Our focus



Airman Michael Williams, 56th SVS cook apprentice, slices and dices to prepare for an upcoming meal.



(Left) Airman Amber Cowan, 56th SVS cook apprentice, works the grill during lunchtime while (above) Senior Master Sgt. Clark McGee, 56th Operations Support Squadron, receives "service with a smile" from Airman Amy Krack, 56th SVS cook apprentice.



Information,  
Tickets and  
Tours

Information, Tickets and Tours is in the community center. Dillards Box Office and Ticketmaster are open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and closed Sunday.

Tickets for a variety of community events are available. For locations, times and events, call 856-6000.

Tours  
Nogales, Mexico

A trip to Nogales, Mexico, leaves July 22 at 6 a.m. from Bldg. 700 and returns at about 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person.

Travelers must carry picture identification. Food is available for purchase.

Laughlin

A trip to the Riverside Casino in Laughlin, Nev., is July 23. The bus departs at 6 a.m. and returns at about 10 p.m.

The \$5 cost includes transportation, champagne brunch or dinner buffet and coupons for casino action and gift shops.

Participants must be at least 21 years old.

Luke Movies

Movies begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Cost for children 11 and under is \$1; adults pay \$2.



Today

**Center Stage (PG-13)**  
Stars Peter Gallagher, Amanda Schull, Donna Murphy, Ilia Kulik and Susan May Pratt.

This drama follows the hopes and dreams of a tight-knit group of young dance students as they try to make a name for themselves and become stars in the fiercely competitive world of professional dance.

Sunday

**Small Time Crooks (PG)**  
Stars Michael Rapaport, Tracy Ullman, Hugh Grant and Woody Allen.

Ray Winkler is an ex-con with big dreams and an inability to hold down dishwashing jobs. His wife, Frenchy, is a sardonic manicurist who reins Ray in, attempting to keep him grounded in reality.

So, when Ray comes to Frenchy with a half-baked plan to rob a bank, she's dead set against it. No way is she



giving up their life savings so he can work with three dimwitted guys in a harebrained scheme.

Yet Ray, with his neurotic charm, wins her over and even convinces her to run the front for their operation: a cookie store. Soon enough, their get-rich-quick scheme to rob a bank leaves them rolling in dough — but not the kind they had in mind.



July 21

**Gone in 60 Seconds (R)**  
Stars Nicholas Cage, Angelina Jolie, Giovanni Ribisi and Robert Duvall.

“Gone in 60 Seconds” is about automobile aficionado Randall “Memphis” Raines, a car thief of legendary proportion.

No fancy lock or alarm could stop

him. The car would be there and then suddenly gone in 60 seconds.

For years, Memphis eluded the law while boosting every make and model imaginable. When the heat became too intense, he abandoned his life of crime and left everything and everyone he loved to find a different life.

Now, when his younger brother tries to follow in his footsteps, only to become dangerously embroiled in a high stakes caper, Memphis is sucked back into his old ways in order to save his brother's life.



July 22, 2 and 7 p.m.  
July 23, 2 p.m.

**Dinosaur (PG)**  
Stars D. B. Sweeney, Alfre Woodard, Julianna Margulies, Ossie Davis and Joan Plowright.

This movie follows the journey of a three-ton Iguanodon named Aladar, who is raised from the egg by a clan of lemurs. He is reunited with his own kind following a devastating meteor shower.

Faced with such perils as treacherous rockslides and attacking Carnotaurs, Aladar and his new friends must overcome tremendous obstacles before they can settle into a new life in a beautiful valley.

# Chapel News

## Worship schedule

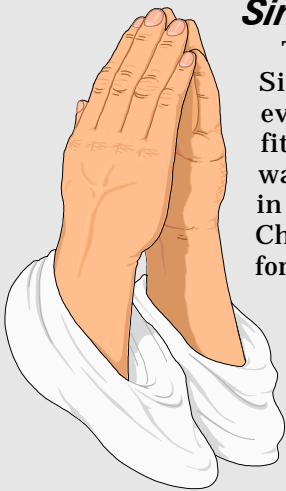
The following is Luke's Protestant and Catholic worship schedule:

### Protestant worship

- ♦ Holy Communion is Sunday at 8 a.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
- ♦ Gospel service is Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at the Chapel on the Mall.
- ♦ Morning worship service is Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
- ♦ Evening praise service is Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.

### Catholic worship

- ♦ Saturday Mass is at 5 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
- ♦ Sunday Mass is at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
- ♦ Weekday Mass is at noon in the Luke Community Chapel.



## Singles meet

The Luke Chapel Singles meet at 5 p.m. every Thursday in the fitness center for walleyball and at 7 p.m. in the Luke Community Chapel conference room for bible study.

For more information on these and other chapel programs, call the chapel staff at 856-6211.

# Around Base

## American Red Cross classes

The American Red Cross offers the following classes:

- ♦ An American Red Cross new volunteer orientation is July 27 at 10 a.m. in Bldg. 1150, Room 1064. There are many volunteer positions open with days and hours to fit everyone's schedule.
- ♦ An introduction to disaster class is July 22 from 9 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 1150, Room 1064. The class provides general information about disasters and gives an overview of Red Cross services.
- ♦ A damage assessment class is July 22 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. This course prepares people to serve as damage assessment workers on national disasters and how to get and report damage assessment information. Both disaster classes are free.
- ♦ An adult, child and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid class is Aug. 5 at 8:30 a.m. in Bldg. 1150, Room 1064. Enrollment is open to military identification card holders, their family members and Luke civilian employees. The cost is \$22 with registration and prepayment required. To register for classes or for more information, call 856-7823.

## Webster University opens campus

Webster University opened a new campus at Luke. Graduate-level classes start Aug. 14. The university offers three graduate degree programs: business administration, computer resources and management information, and human resources management. Academic advisement and information on Webster's graduate degrees is available by calling the director, Dr. Lynette Knight, at 536-6880.

## Red Cross seeks instructors

The American Red Cross seeks volunteers interested in becoming instructors. Instructors are needed to teach cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid,

babysitting, child care and CPR for the professional rescuer. Classes are once a month and, as an instructor, volunteers are required to teach a class once every two years to renew their certification. For more information, call the American Red Cross at 856-7823.

## Luke ESC meets

The Luke Enlisted Spouses Club's general membership meeting is Monday at 7 p.m. in the Desert Star Enlisted Club. For more information, call Linda Jenkins at 535-9034.

## Youth swimming lessons

The outdoor recreation aquatics program offers swimming lessons for children 6 months to 16 years. **Morning lessons** are from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m., 9 to 9:30 a.m., 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. and 10:30 to 11 a.m. Monday through Thursday. Cost is \$8 per person. The last morning session of the season is July 31 to Aug. 11. Registration begins Tuesday at 5 p.m. **Evening lessons** are from 4:15 to 4:45 p.m. and 5 to 5:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, or Tuesday and Thursday. Cost is \$6 per person. The last evening sessions of the season are: Aug. 7 to 23 and Aug. 8 to 24. Registration for both sessions begins Tuesday at 5 p.m. Registration continues at the Oasis Pool until all lessons are full. Payment is due at the time of registration; cash or check only. No phone-in registrations are accepted. Call 856-6267 for more details.

## San Diego weekend golfing trip

Outdoor recreation sponsors a weekend golfing trip to San Diego Sept. 1 to 4. Golfers can play at the Torrey Pines in La Jolla, the Naval Air Station Coronado course and the Coronado Country Club. Cost is \$300 per person. It includes roundtrip transportation, greens fees, three nights lodging and a sight-seeing trolley tour of San Diego. Meals are not included. Register by Aug. 4. A 50-percent deposit is required. For more information, call 856-9334.



Swimming pool hours, passes

The Silver Wings Swimming Pool open swim hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

The Oasis Pool's lap swimming hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Pool passes may be purchased at outdoor recreation. A family season pass is \$35 for up to four family members and \$45 for five or more family members. A single-season pass is \$20. A one-day pass costs \$1.

For more information, call 856-6368 or 856-7120.

Free child care

Active-duty military members, staff sergeants and below, with permanent-change-of-station orders into or out of Luke Air Force Base, can receive up to 20 hours of free child care from family child care providers.

Stop by the family support center, Bldg. 1113, to register. Members must bring a copy of their orders. For more information, call 856-6841.

Wood shop safety briefing

A safety briefing is required before using any of the power equipment in the wood hobby shop. Call the shop manager at 856-6566 to schedule an appointment or for more information.

Auto services available

The auto hobby shop offers flat tire repair, tire rotation, wheel balancing, drum and rotor turning, oil changes, wheel alignments, air conditioning checks and window tinting to Defense Department employees. Call 856-5107 for an appointment.

Parent’s Night Out

The youth center offers extended hours and activities for children July 21 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Children ages 6 to 12 can visit friends, listen to music, do arts and crafts, and play games. Cost is \$6 per child. For more information, call 856-6225 or 856-7470.

24 senior airmen complete ALS

More than 20 senior airmen graduated June 27 from Luke Airman Leadership School Class 00-5.

Senior Airman Denise O’Conner, 607th Air Control Squadron, won the John Levitow Award and the academic excellence award.

Senior Airman Brian Baker, 56th Medical Operations Squadron, received the leadership award.

Senior Airman Raymond Helsley, 308th Fighter Squadron, won the distinguished graduate award.

The other graduates are:

- ♦ Michael Abundis, 56th Component Repair Squadron
- ♦ Larry Blunt, 309th Fighter Squadron
- ♦ Derrick Davis, 310th Fighter Squadron
- ♦ Michael Jovanovich, 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron
- ♦ George Kirkwood, 56th Operations Support Squadron
- ♦ Brian Kirst, 56th Supply Squadron

- ♦ Lonnie Parker, 63rd Fighter Squadron
- ♦ John Smullen, 62nd Fighter Squadron
- ♦ Jason Stuber, 56th Communications Squadron
- ♦ Jesse Barnes, 62nd FS
- ♦ Joseph Borkowski, 56th SUPS
- ♦ Jason Brooks, 56th EMS
- ♦ Matthew Clancy, 56th Security Forces Squadron
- ♦ Robert Clannin, 309th FS
- ♦ Rene Grino, 56th EMS
- ♦ Timothy Mauldin, 310th FS
- ♦ Armand Moody, 56th OSS
- ♦ Torri Murphy, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Det. 28
- ♦ Troy Small, 56th Transportation Squadron
- ♦ Kimberly Washington, 56th Dental Squadron
- ♦ Noel Wright, 56th CRS

56th SUPS won the ALS Commander’s Cup for having the most guests attend the graduation.

Salutes

Senior NCO Academy grad

Master Sgt. Greg Vanderboegh, 302nd Fighter Squadron, graduated July 21 from the Senior NCO Academy, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Quarterly award winners

56th Mission Support Squadron

The following 56th Mission Support Squadron people are the squadron’s quarterly award winners:

**Company grade officer:** 1st Lt. Miki Krejcarek

**Senior NCO:** Senior Master Sgt. Bryan Evans

**NCO:** Tech. Sgt. Don Crowe

**Airman:** Senior Airman Donnie Brown

**Civilian, GS-7 and above:** Damita Klaiber

**Civilian, GS-6** and below: Kim Bland

56th Operations Support Squadron

The following 56th Operations Support Squadron people are the squadron’s winners:

**Instructor pilot:** Capt. Matthew Roberson

**Field grade officer:** Maj. Ancel Yarborough

**CGO:** 1st Lt. David Woodley

**Senior NCO:** Senior Master Sgt. Alvin Wright

**NCO:** Tech. Sgt. Lamar Chandel

**Airman:** Airman 1st Class Mavora Barnes

**Civilian:** Juvy Stallons

56th Communications Squadron

The following 56th Communications Squadron people are the squadron’s winners:

**CGO:** Capt. Donald Schmidt

**Senior NCO:** Master Sgt. Donald Baker

**NCO:** Staff Sgt. Anna Johnson

**Airman:** Senior Airman Kristi Jensen

**Civilian, GS-7 and above:** Carole Stoll







# Hill captures AMMO trophy

By Mark Falco  
*Co-tournament director*

Hill Air Force Base, Utah, earned the 15th Annual Western Regional AMMO championship trophy after playing in a three-day softball tournament June 30 to July 2 at Luke.

Participants came from 11 munitions storage elements from bases west of the Mississippi.

“This is an annual event by AMMO troops for AMMO troops,” said Frank Arnold, co-tournament director. “We want to foster teamwork and camaraderie in the career field.”

Luke entered three teams as well. Two “youngins” and one consisting of the munitions flight supervision, known affectionately as the “old folks team.”

Hill, the defending champion, brought two teams to the tourney. Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., also had two teams, their regular team and a team of weapons loaders.

There were a total of 16 teams from 12 bases including Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.; Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho; Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.; Beale Air Force Base, Calif; Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.; Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas; and Kirtland, Cannon and Holloman Air Force bases, N.M.

The official opening ceremony was conducted by Col. Frank Bruno, 56th Logistics Group commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Leon Aaron, 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron munitions flight chief. After the colors were posted by the Luke Honor Guard, the mixer was on. A live band, made up of AMMO troops from Nellis, provided the entertainment.

The tournament began July 1 with a modified round robin to determine seeding for the double-elimination tournament, which kicked off at 5 p.m.

The games were hard fought with Cannon taking third place and Nellis taking second.

“A good time was had by all who attended, with comments being made to how well the event went,” Aaron said. “All the visiting teams went away impressed with Luke, the honor guard; and support from the fitness center, commanders and most importantly, the Luke AMMO community who came together to make this event happen.”

Participants who played in this tournament will also play at the World AMMO Bowl, which is Labor Day weekend at Davis-Monthan.



Josh Santo leads off first base during a Falcons varsity baseball game.

## Falcons finish regular season

By Jeff Dahlke  
*Falcon's varsity baseball coach*

Luke's varsity baseball team, the Falcons, was back in action after the Fourth of July holiday, with three games over the weekend.

Luke played a doubleheader Saturday at North High School against the Phoenix A's and the Chandler Pirates.

In their first game, neither the Falcons nor the A's knew what to expect since it was their first meeting this season. In a quick and low scoring affair, Luke pulled out the victory with new pitcher Chris Fifield. He shut out the A's by striking out seven and giving up only one hit. The Falcons only managed two runs both scored by Josh Santo, including a solo homerun to center.

In the second game, the Falcons faced the Pirates, who had beaten the Falcons in a battle in their first meeting. Pitching ace Jason Cassidy went to the mound to get Luke's revenge. Cassidy gave up three earned runs and struck out six in the 6-4 victory. Luke scored early on hits by Tom

Flowers and Shay Price followed by a wild pitch. John Mitchell added a couple of hits and RBIs and raised his team-leading batting average to .538.

Sunday morning was a different story for the Falcons. Not much of a morning team, the Falcons opened the game on a high note but finished half asleep in a loss to the Lumberjacks.

The Falcons took advantage of early errors and jumped out to a 6-1 lead. The Lumberjacks came within two after a few Falcon errors. After five innings, the score stood at 6-4.

Luke didn't stop, adding four more runs in the sixth. It wasn't enough, however, to cover up the eight errors throughout the game, the Lumberjacks took full advantage. Flowers and Cassidy had two hits each and Dahlke added three for the Falcons. The Lumberjacks eventually won the game 18-10.

The Falcons record stands at 26-14 heading into the final two weeks of the regular season. Cassidy leads all pitchers with an 11-2 record. Despite a couple of recent losses, the team batting average is still around .340. For more information on Luke varsity baseball, call 856-7092.

## Heading home ...



Senior Airman Shanna Jones

56th Component Repair Squadron player Craig Morton heads for home as 310th Fighter Squadron players Clifton Berger (front) and Nate Shehow wait for the throw during a semifinal softball game Tuesday. CRS beat the 310th FS 10 to 0. CRS went on to win the base championship, see the July 21 issue of the “Tallyho” for game coverage.

## Softball

### 56th EMS pummels 56th CES

By Senior Airman J. Propst  
*56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

The 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron dominated the 56th Civil Engineer Squadron Monday during a game leading up to the base intramural softball championship.

EMS had steady batting, but their solid fielding is what won the game. Keeping CES to only one run and taking advantage of CES fielding errors, EMS scored nine runs.

EMS immediately took the lead in the first inning, when three line drives brought in two runs. They followed up with one more before the inning was over. EMS prevented CES from getting any runner past first base.

The second inning set the standard for most of the game. EMS took advantage of fielding errors and used solid consistent hitting to make runs. They also didn't let CES get halfway through their lineup. The inning ended 5-0 in EMS's favor.

In the third, CES picked up their fielding and EMS's lineup didn't rise to the challenge. EMS fielders didn't falter in the bottom of the inning. They put three up and three down, making it a scoreless inning.

EMS began to penetrate CES's fielders again in the top of the fourth; bringing in one run. CES matched that with two line drives for their only run of the game.

The fifth was scoreless for both teams, but an error by CES allowed a routine infield fly to become a double.

EMS started taking advantage of CES errors again in the sixth, scoring three more runs, two of them on errors. The EMS infield made quick work of the lineup, putting three batters down as quickly as they came up, ending the inning 9-1. The game would end with the same score as both teams fell with only four batters, managing only to get one on base.



## Sports Shorts

### Air Force Marathon

The fourth annual U.S. Air Force Marathon is Sept. 6 at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The entry deadline line is Aug. 31. Individual and wheelchair entry costs \$45, four member relay team entry costs \$160, three to five member marathon team entry costs \$225. More than 200 awards are given in 50 categories.

### Softball tourney

The Armed Forces State Softball Championship is July 22 and 23 at Luke. The entry cost is \$130 per team. For more information, call 856-6241.

### Basketball clinic

A youth center-sponsored trip to the Phoenix Suns Basketball Clinic is July 27 from noon to 5 p.m. at the America West Arena. The \$10 trip is limited to 12 participants ages 8 to 18. Register at the youth center or call 856-7470 for details.

### Camping reminder

Outdoor recreation staff reminds outdoor enthusiasts that some forests are closed. For more information, call 856-9334.

### Indoor soccer camp

A youth center-sponsored indoor soccer camp for children ages 6 to 12 is from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through July 21 in the youth center gym. The camp is limited to 50 participants. Cost is \$25. Register at the youth center or call 856-7470 for details.

### Fund raiser

Angel Nelson, a 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron spouse, is raising \$4,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society by competing in the Chicago Marathon. To make a donation, call 856-5703.

# Youth sports

## Basketball league provides entertainment, life skills

By Senior Airman J. Propst

56th fighter Wing Public Affairs

A program to draw teens to the youth center and give them something to do is offered Saturday nights at the center.

Called Operation Night Hoops, the league is a three-on-three-basketball league for boys ages 13 to 15.

“We wanted to offer teens a basketball league of their own,” said Amy Heil, youth center assistant director. “This is a positive recreational activity for them.”

The league, in which all AETC bases participate, also incorporates drug, alcohol and tobacco prevention.

“Each coach spends five to 10 minutes each week talking with the kids about the dangers of these substances and how to say ‘no,’” Heil said. The center also had four workshops discussing peer pressure and drugs, financial management, sex and sexuality, and exercise and nutrition.

Parents, too, think the program is an excellent way for youth to occupy their time.

“I think he’s learned a lot and is getting awareness,” said Lisa Walker, whose son attends the program, “which will carry over into his future life.”

Youth center staff members said the program is a success.

“The sport helps build self-esteem, teamwork, communication skills and problem solving, as well as promoting being in good physical shape,” said Heil. “The program has attracted a group of teens to consistently come to the youth center and participate in a wholesome physical activity in a safe environment.”



Senior Airman Shannon Jones

*Darryl Dowdell, 14, drives by Patrick Adams, 13, during an Operation Night Hoops basketball game Saturday.*













